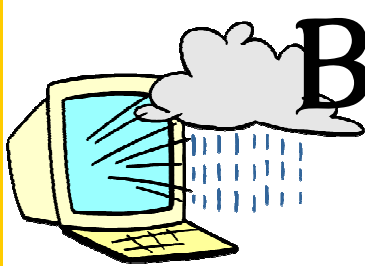


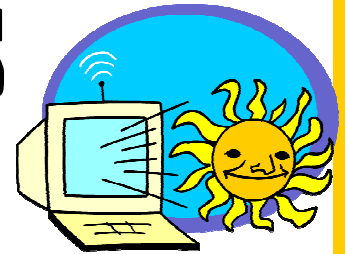
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The Prez Sez...

This month, instead of hearing from me, I'd like to share an article with you from "WE...too" which is the newsletter from Washington State Association – Retired. I asked for, and received, written permission to use it in our Bits and Bytes. I think you'll find it interesting.

C2C?

Learn the 'new' Language

By David Phelps,

WEA Communications Director

Care to Chat?

Just when we thought mastery of the intricate rules of English grammar and punctuation had been achieved, along comes a whole new "language" associate with social media and social networking.

Somewhere, William Strunk and E. B. White are twirling in their graves. For those who are purists when it comes to the presentation of the written word, online communities like Facebook, Twitter and MySpace, along with cell phones, have turned our familiar world upside down.

How to explain or define this brave new world?

The terms "social media" and "social networking" apply to the burgeoning number of communi-

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ties being established online. The explosive growth of Internet-based outreach over the last decade has resulted, according to several current measurements, as many as 85% of all Americans going "online" at least once a week.

No longer can social media be considered the "Orphan Annie" of the communications sector. Instead, social media is now an integral and essential part of the family – and a necessary element for any successful outreach strategy.

An example of the growth of social networking communities is Facebook www.facebook.com. Late last year, Facebook signed up user #300,000,000. That's 300 million individuals and organization worldwide that now have a Facebook page and presence. And that number continues to grow dramatically.

One of the significant outcomes of the explosive growth of social media and social networking is the development of highly-individualized and focused communities. As a result, any interest, no matter how narrow in its definition and scope, can either be found online – or easily created.

This allows each of us to commune on a regular basis with like-minded people – or to take an opposite perspective if necessary. Traditional boundaries no longer apply. It's a sink-or-swim world.

And part of that world is the emergence of this new language. Confusing and bewildering at first blush, once learned it becomes intuitive and (relatively) easy-to-understand. The evolution of this language has been driven by two primary needs: short messages (140 characters or less) for cell phones texts and social media sites such as Twitter; and the desire for privacy by young people concerned about P911 ("parents coming into room alert").

Mr. Phelps' article also includes a long list of the "new language." Look for the first part of that list on one of the other pages; I'll continue to run the alphabet in future issues for you to "learn and use."

And aren't we glad we're here in Coachella Valley without the snow our family and friends are enduring in other parts of the States. I think we'd be having an influx of company if the airports could handle the planes.

Next month more C2C



Mac SIG

IS SOCIAL MEDIA A FAD?

By Betsy Lewis

Mac Sig members enjoyed a lively presentation from Denise Welch of ComputerWorks at their February meeting.

Denise explained that the Social Media is digital and....well... social, and a place where people can share things that they find interesting, funny or useful. We see our children and grandchildren participating in FaceBook,

YouTube. MySpace and Twitter, communicating with their friends. We are in awe of their dancing fingers but, in fact, we would be well advised to get aboard now too and catch up quickly; these digital phenomenon are the wave of the future. Given a little more time, email will be obsolete.



It took 38 years for radio to accumulate an audience in the low millions, yet FaceBook has gathered 100 million participants in a period of 9 months

Thirty-three percent (33%) of book sales are now from Kindle!

And people considering important purchases currently depend on the daily digital recommendations of their peers (contacting them on FaceBook several times a day) rather than believe product advertising.

Social Media is an "umbrella" term defining words, pictures, video and audio conversations. Even we older people go online to check out doctor-diagnosed illnesses, using multiple sites to be sure we've learned all we can from those sources. Wikipedia has replaced several pounds of books and is perhaps more accurate than our encyclopedias of old since the information is continually changed, updated and kept current. Five billion minutes are spent within FaceBook every day! In fact, if FaceBook were a country, it would be the eighth most populated and just behind Japan.

We've now been warned. Time is of the essence. Invite the grandchildren down for the weekend and let them help you ask everyone you know if they want to be your Friend on your new FaceBook account. The kids will think you are finally cool!

The next Mac SIG will be on March 19 at 9:00 in the computer lab.

Beginning Mac Classes

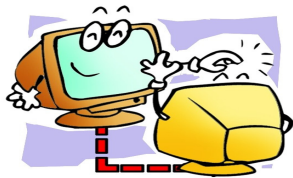
by Shirley Allan

The explosion of folks who want beginning Mac classes has astounded me.



Since there is such a demand, I will be repeating the four beginning Mac classes in mid March. These are not hands-on classes, which means that you will learn by watching the screen. Everyone who attends will receive a hand-out covering everything taught in class; we are only limited to the number of folks the room can hold. As for the rest of the Mac classes that I teach, anyone can take them, beginners as well as intermediate Mac users. For the hands-on classes there are eight Macs, but you may bring your laptop or just come and watch. Everyone gets a hand-out for these classes also. If you have any questions, please call.





PC SIG

By Kerry Greene

The PCI SIG (PC/Internet Special Interest Group) met Tuesday evening, February 9th, with 17 members in attendance. Kent McDonald opened the meeting with some news items, including news about Windows 7 reporting dying batteries in laptop computers. This is not a hoax. Laptop batteries do die and need to be discharged with use at least once a month. Leaving them plugged in all the time kills them faster. You can run the laptop on an adapter with no battery if you wish.



Google will be launching 'Buzz', a social networking site that is similar to Facebook. Google will also cease its support of Internet Explorer 6 in March of this year. On the hardware front, Google is planning a tablet computer to compete with the Apple i-Pad. Watch for its market launch in March – it will have a color screen, Wi-Fi connection and an optional keyboard.



Terry Kay had a presentation of iGoogle, a web page that can be configured to display your personal news, weather, stock reports, calendar, games, etc., mak-

ing it an excellent home page choice. A free Google account is required to personalize your page. Go to www.google.com/ig to get started.



Another fun website is www.hulu.com, where you can view TV shows previously aired, and even stream them to your network connected Blue Ray Disc player to watch on your TV.

Finally, I am always on the lookout for better PC security, and Panda Cloud Antivirus may just be the new answer. Panda Security has been around for many years, and is well recognized in the security industry. The company has released their free Panda Cloud Security product, which protects against ten types of malicious attacks. It has already become Editors' Choice at PC Magazine, and has earned high praise from PC World Magazine as well as Smart Computing Magazine. I like it because there is no need to download updates to keep your protection current – Panda Cloud is always up to date because the update database is in the Panda 'cloud' – on the Panda servers. Panda is dedicated to protecting us against 'zero-day attacks', which means that new, malicious

attacks are added to the database within hours of their discovery. Also, Panda Cloud will not slow down the computer as it requires a very small amount of computer resources to run. Panda Cloud is a snap to install – get it from www.cloudantivirus.com. Your working email address and a password of your choice will be required to activate Panda Cloud. After activation, Panda Cloud will protect you in real time, provided that you have an active Internet connection. I do not recommend it if you are still on a dial-up (ugh!) connection, or if you travel a great deal and your Internet connection is not dependable. Panda Cloud Security does not have (as yet) a scheduled scan – if you wish to scan your computer for problems, you must do so manually, and this will require a connection to the Internet for access to the Panda database. A quick scan takes about one-fourth the time required by Norton, McAfee, or AVG. Long story short – I like it and I have installed it on all three of my computers.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 pm** in the computer lab – we will take another look at Windows 7. Many thanks go to Arlene Faber for her notes.



March Class Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	OS	BOOK	TEACHER
Mon	Mar. 1	8:30-10	Beg. PC (1/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 - 2:50	Sending & Receiving eMail	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		3 - 5	iMovie to iDVD	Mac	1	Lyn Morse
Tues	Mar. 2	8:30-10	Beg. PC (2/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 -2:30	Beg. PC (Brush up - 1/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		3:00	PowerPoint 2007 (1/3)	PC	5	Chuck Hellman
Wed	Mar. 3	8:30 -10	Beg. PC (3/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 - 2:30	Beg. PC (Brush up - 2/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Thur	Mar. 4	8:30-10	Beg. PC (4/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 - 2:30	Beg. PC (Brush up - 3/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Fri	Mar. 5	8:30 -10	Beg. PC (5/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 -2:30	Beg. PC (Brush up - 4/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		3:00	Print Shop: Creating a Flyer	PC	4	Arlene Faber
Sat	Mar. 6	Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon				
Mon	Mar. 8	8:30-10	Photoshop Elements (1/3)	PC	14	Jim Calvert
		1 - 2:50	Text Edit	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		3 - 5	Tips & Tricks	Mac	1	Lyn Morse
Tues	Mar. 9	8:30-10	Photoshop Elements (2/3)	PC	14	Jim Calvert
		1- 2:30	Beg. PC (Brush up - 5/5) (Series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		3:00	PowerPoint 2007 (2/3)	PC	5	Chuck Hellman
		7:00	PC SIG			Lab
Wed.	Mar. 10	8:30 -10	Photoshop Elements (3/3)	PC	14	Jim Calvert
		1 - 2:50	Art on the Mac - Bird	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	Mar. 11	8:30-10	Beg. PC (Brush up - 1/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1:00	OpenOffice (Free Office Software)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		3 - 4:30	Word 2007 (4/5)	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Mar. 12	8:30-10	Beg. PC (Brush up - 2/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 -2:30	Beg. PC (1/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Sat	Mar. 13	Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon				
Mon	Mar. 15	8:30-10	Beg. PC (Brush up - 3/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 - 2:50	Art on the Mac - Landscape	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		3 - 5	Costco online for photos	Mac/PC	1	Lyn Morse
Tues	Mar. 16	8:30-10	Beg. PC (Brush up - 4/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 -2:30	Beg. PC (2/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		3:00	PowerPoint 2007 (3/3)	PC	5	Chuck Hellman
Wed	Mar. 17	9:00	Files & Folders	PC	12	Charlie Voelker
		1 - 2:20	Greeting cards in iWork	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	Mar. 18	9:00	Board Meeting			Idyllwild Room
		1-2:30	Beg. PC (3/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		3 - 4:30	Word 2007: Word 2007 (5/)	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Mar. 19	9:00	Mac SIG			Lab
		1 - 2:30	Beg. PC (4/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert

March Class Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	OS	BOOK	TEACHER
Sat	Mar. 20		Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon			
Mon	Mar. 22	8:30-10	Beg. PC (Brush up - 5/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1 :00	Beginning Mac – Terms (1/4)	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		2:00	Comic Life (1/2)	PC	15	Jan Grenert
		3 - 4:30	Comic Life (2/2)	PC	15	Jan Grenert
Tues	Mar. 23	9:00	Templates using MS Word 8	Mac	1	Helene Barker
Wed	Mar. 24	9:00	Spreadsheet for Beginners	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		1:00	Beginning Mac – Desktop (2/4)	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	Mar. 25	8 - 10	Picasa 3.6	PC/Mac	16	Bob Osborn
		2 - 3:30	Beg. PC (5/5) (Series 2)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		3 – 4:30	Word '07 Advanced-Images in Word	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Mar. 26	1 - 2:30	Photoshop Elements Workshop	PC	14	Jim Calvert
Sat	Mar. 27		Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon			
Mon	Mar. 29	8:30 – 10	Print Explosion: Greeting Cards (1/4)	Mac	1	June Cross
		1:00	Begin Mac System Preferences (3/4)	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		2 – 4:30	Excel 2007 (1 & 2/4)	PC	5	Walter Goldsmith
Tues	Mar. 30	1 - 2:30	Burning CDs and DVDs with Vista	PC		Jim Calvert
Wed	Mar. 31	8:30 - 10	Print Explosion: Greeting Cards (2/4)	Mac	1	June Cross
		1:00	Beginning Mac – Maintenance (4/4)	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		2 – 4:30	Excel 2007 (3 & 4/4)	PC	5	Walter Goldsmith

The Schedule Of Posting The Class Schedule

By Jan Grenert

We have been working to establish a timely process to publish the schedule of classes each month. It is important to have the class schedule posted in ample time for members to sign up for classes that begin on the first of the month.

Here is how the process works.

- Shelia Harbet sends out an email to all teachers asking for their class schedule requests for the coming months. So in February, she was requesting responses for the month of April.
- Shortly after the teachers reply, Shelia sends the tentative schedule back to the teachers for verification or change.
- In mid March, Shelia will send the completed April schedule to Lyn Morse and Jan Grenert. Lyn alphabetizes the list and sends it to Jan for the Bits and Bytes newsletter.
- Jan takes the schedule from Shelia, prepares it for posting in the lab and then sends it to Kent.
- The teachers are advised when the schedule will be posted and emailed, so that they have time to put their class signup sheets in the note books.
- Kent emails the class schedule to members on the day the schedule is posted in the lab.
- Jan posts the schedule in the lab about one week before the 1st of the next month and gives a request to the post office to print copies of the class schedule.

In a perfect world this would work out to suit everyone, however.....there's always Murphy's Law.



March Classes Listed Alphabetically

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Art on the Mac – a series</u>			<u>Excel 2007series- PC</u>		
Bird	3-10	1:00+	Part 1 and 2	3-29	2:00+
Landscaping	3-15	1:00+	Part 3 and 4	3-31	2:00+
<u>Beginning Mac</u>			Files and Folders - PC	3-17	9:00
Part 1 - Terms	3-22	1:00	Greeting Cards in iWork	3-17	1:00+
Part 2 - Desktop	3-24	1:00	iMovie to iDVD	3-1	3:00+
Part 3 – Preferences	3-29	1:00	MAC SIG	3-19	9:00
Part 4 – Maintenance	3-31	1:00	OpenOffice PC	3-11	1:00
<u>Beginning PC</u>			Picasa 3.6 PC/Mac	3-25	8:00+
Part 1	3-1	8:30+	PC SIG	3-9	7:00 pm
Part 2	3-2	8:30+	<u>PhotoShop Elements for the PC</u>		
Part 3	3-3	8:30+	Part 1	3-8	8:30+
Part 4	3-4	8:30+	Part 2	3-9	8:30+
Part 5	3-5	8:30+	Part 3	3-10	8:30+
<u>Beginning PC – a repeat</u>			PhotoShop Elements workshop – PC	3-26	1:00+
Part 1	3-12	1:00+	<u>PowerPoint 2007 - PC</u>		
Part 2	3-16	1:00+	Part 1	3-2	3:00
Part 3	3-18	1:00+	Part 2	3-9	3:00
Part 4	3-19	1:00+	Part 3	3-16	3:00
Part 5	3-25	2:00+	<u>Print Explosion: Greeting Cards- Mac</u>		
<u>Beginning PC – Brush Up</u>			Part 1	3-29	8:30+
Part 1	3-2	1:00+	Part 2	3-31	8:30+
Part 2	3-3	1:00+	PrintShop –Creating a Flyer - PC	3-5	3:00
Part 3	3-4	1:00+	Sending & Receiving e-mail - Mac	3-1	1:00+
Part 4	3-5	1:00+	Spreadsheet for Beginners - PC	3-24	9:00
Part 5	3-9	1:00+	Templates using MS Word 8 -Mac	3-23	9:00
<u>Beginning PC – Brush-up – a repeat</u>			Text Edit for the Mac	3-8	1:00+
Part 1	3-11	8:30+	Tips & Tricks for the Mac	3-8	3:00+
Part 2	3-12	8:30+	<u>Word 2007 - PC</u>		
Part 3	3-15	8:30+	Part 4 of 5	3-11	3:00+
Part 4	3-16	8:30+	Part 5 of 5	3-18	3:00+
Part 5	3-19	8:30+	<u>Advanced Word 2007</u>		
BOARD MEETING	3-18	9:00	Images in Word	3-25	3:00+
Burning CDs and DVDs with Vista	3-30	1:00+			
Costco online for photos	3-15	3:00+			
Comic Life for the PC	3-22	2:00+			

March Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

DATE	DAY	10-12	12-12:50
March 1	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
March 2	Tue	K. Pearson	K. Pearson
March 3	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
March 4	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
March 5	Fri	J. Manion	S. Livran
March 6	Sat	L. Rowe	Closed
March 8	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
March 9	Tue	K. Pearson	K. Pearson
March 10	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
March 11	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
March 12	Fri	J. Manion	W. Kasner
March 13	Sat	L. Rowe	Closed
March 15	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
March 16	Tue	K. Pearson	K. Pearson
March 17	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
March 18	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
March 19	Fri	J. Manion	W. Kasner
March 20	Sat	L. Rowe	Closed
March 22	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
March 23	Tue	K. Pearson	K. Pearson
March 24	Wed	C. Voelker	K. Gibbons
March 25	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
March 26	Fri	J. Manion	W. Kasner
March 27	Sat	L. Rowe	Closed
March 29	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
March 30	Tue	K. Pearson	K. Pearson
March 31	Wed	C. Voelker	B. Yeh

Lets' Compute Teachers' Bill of Rights.

From the Board of Directors

You must be a paid member of Let's Compute and a resident of SCPD to take classes or participate in club activities.

You must display your membership card when taking a class.

The instructor is in charge of the lab and class when teaching.

Members who sign up for a class have secured a seat in the class.

Members on Standby are seated at the instructors' discretion.

It is up to the instructors' discretion to fill any seats with members who show up for class, but who have not previously signed up.

It is also up to the instructor to allow members to audit the class (i.e. watch but not participate).

Members who sign up for classes and are habitual No-Shows may be denied the privilege to take the class.

Do not sign up between the lines.

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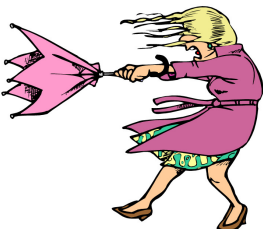


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Jan

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Meeting Schedule



PC SIG	March 9	7:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	March 18	9:00 AM
MAC SIG	March 19	9:00 AM
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